



This Month — World's Best Hotels,  
The Fabulous Italian Dolomites

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## Rising Stars

Hotels showing most dramatic  
rise in rankings since last year:

### U.S. City Hotels

The Peninsula (Chicago)  
No. 15 to No. 7

The Peninsula (New York)  
No. 20 to No. 9

Mandarin Oriental (Miami)  
No. 36 to No. 17

Ritz-Carlton Central Park  
(New York)  
Unranked to No. 24

### International City Hotels

Hotel de Russie (Rome)  
No. 21 to No. 11

Cape Grace (Cape Town)  
No. 39 to No. 18

### U.S. Resort Hotels

The Broadmoor (Colorado)  
No. 27 to No. 18

Bernardus Lodge (California)  
No. 50 to No. 20

### International Resort Hotels

Four Seasons Punta Mita  
(Mexico)  
No. 19 to No. 5

Kauri Cliffs (New Zealand)  
No. 40 to No. 10

Malliouhana (Anguilla)  
No. 44 to No. 15

Wharekauhau (New Zealand)  
No. 39 to No. 18

## The World's Best Hotels, Resorts & Hideaways — Our 22nd Annual Survey of Sophisticated Travelers

As is our annual custom, we have again turned the tables and asked our readers to name their favorite hotels in the world. This is the oldest, most reliable poll of its kind conducted among sophisticated frequent travelers. More than 87% of this year's respondents hold the title of President/CEO/Owner/Partner and 90% have traveled outside the U.S. for business and leisure during the past 12 months.

In the U.S. city hotel category, Chicago proved to be the hot new destination, capturing three of the top eight positions on the coveted Top 20 list. Four Seasons Chicago took No. 1 honors, while The Peninsula continued to move smartly up the leaderboard to No. 7, followed by Ritz-Carlton. Also of note, Miami made the Top 20 for the first time, with the 3-year-old Mandarin Oriental jumping from No. 36 to No. 17.

Classic old resorts made a comeback in the Top 20 U.S. resort list, led by The Greenbrier (No. 1), The Cloister (No. 12) and The Broadmoor (No. 18). Other favorite grandly styled resorts were the Bellagio (No. 8), Ritz-Carlton Naples (No. 14) and The Phoenician (No. 16). Hawaii also posted strong gains as the leading vacation destination by placing

three properties in the top ten, including Four Seasons Hualalai (No. 2), Mauna Kea (No. 5) and Four Seasons Maui (No. 10).

Internationally, Four Seasons George V Paris was voted the best city hotel for a record third consecutive year, followed by The Stafford, a cozy 80-room London sanctuary. New to the Top 20 are the Hotel de Russie (Rome) and Cape Grace (Cape Town), though London and Paris continue to dominate the list.

South Africa's 18-room Singita safari lodge became the smallest hotel in the 22-year history of our poll to be named the best international resort. That said, North American properties surged in popularity this year with 9 resorts in the Caribbean and Mexico making the Top 20, a feat last achieved by these two destinations in 1989. The other in-spot was New Zealand with four Top 20 hotels, including 20-room Kauri Cliffs that leaped from No. 40 to No. 10.

To view the websites of all the Top 20 hotels and resorts, including the Top 20 U.S. and international hideaways, go to [www.AndrewHarperTravel.com](http://www.AndrewHarperTravel.com) and click on HIDEAWAY REPORT and "Latest Issues."

### Top 20 U.S. Resort Hotels

Number at right indicates last year's ranking

1	<b>The Greenbrier</b> (West Virginia) Tel. (304) 536-1110 or (800) 624-6070	3
2	<b>Four Seasons Hualalai</b> (Hawaii) Tel. (808) 325-8000 or (888) 340-5662	7
3	<b>Auberge du Soleil</b> (California) Tel. (707) 963-1211 or (800) 348-5406	5
4	<b>Post Ranch Inn</b> (California) Tel. (831) 667-2200 or (800) 527-2200	1
5	<b>Mauna Kea Beach</b> (Hawaii) Tel. (808) 882-7222 or (800) 882-6060	11
6	<b>Twin Farms</b> (Vermont) Tel. (802) 234-9999 or (800) 894-6327	12
7	<b>The Boulders</b> (Arizona) Tel. (480) 488-9009 or (800) 553-1717	4
8	<b>Bellagio</b> (Nevada) Tel. (702) 693-7444 or (888) 987-6667	13
9	<b>Blackberry Farm</b> (Tennessee) Tel. (865) 984-8166 or (800) 648-2348	2
10	<b>Four Seasons Maui</b> (Hawaii) Tel. (808) 874-8000 or (800) 334-6284	10
11	<b>Meadowood</b> (California) Tel. (707) 963-3646 or (800) 458-8080	8
12	<b>The Cloister</b> (Georgia) Tel. (912) 638-3611 or (800) 732-4752	9
13	<b>Triple Creek Ranch</b> (Montana) Tel. (406) 821-4600 or (800) 654-2943	17
14	<b>Ritz-Carlton Naples</b> (Florida) Tel. (239) 598-3300 or (800) 241-3333	18
15	<b>The Little Nell</b> (Colorado) Tel. (970) 920-4600 or (888) 843-6355	15
16	<b>The Phoenician</b> (Arizona) Tel. (480) 941-8200 or (800) 888-8234	22
17	<b>The Point</b> (New York) Tel. (518) 891-5674 or (800) 255-3530	14
18	<b>The Broadmoor</b> (Colorado) Tel. (719) 634-7711 or (800) 634-7711	27
19	<b>Rancho Valencia</b> (California) Tel. (858) 756-1123 or (800) 548-3664	6
20	<b>Bernardus Lodge</b> (California) Tel. (831) 658-3400 or (888) 648-9463	50

### Top 20 International Resort Hotels

Number at right indicates last year's ranking;  
'X' means hotel was not among Top 50 last year

1	<b>Singita</b> (South Africa) Tel. (11) 234-0990 or Fax (11) 234-0535	4
2	<b>Las Ventanas</b> (Mexico) Tel. (624) 144-0300 or (888) 767-3966	1
3	<b>Villa d'Este</b> (Italy) Tel. (031) 3481 or Fax (031) 348844	2
4	<b>Hotel San Pietro</b> (Italy) Tel. (089) 875455 or Fax (089) 811449	3
5	<b>Four Seasons Punta Mita</b> (Mexico) Tel. (329) 291-6000 or (800) 332-3442	19
6	<b>Esperanza</b> (Mexico) Tel. (624) 145-6400 or (866) 311-2226	X
7	<b>Blanket Bay</b> (New Zealand) Tel. (3) 442-9442 or Fax (3) 442-9441	5
8	<b>The Regent Chiang Mai</b> (Thailand) Tel. (53) 298181 or Fax (53) 298189	17
9	<b>Cap Juluca</b> (Anguilla, West Indies) Tel. (264) 497-6779 or (888) 858-5822	12
10	<b>Kauri Cliffs</b> (New Zealand) Tel. (9) 405-1905 or Fax (9) 405-1901	40
11	<b>Four Seasons Nevis</b> (Nevis, West Indies) Tel. (869) 469-1111 or (800) 332-3442	16
12	<b>Little Dix Bay</b> (British Virgin Islands) Tel. (284) 495-5555 or (888) 767-3966	18
13	<b>Lizard Island</b> (Australia) Tel. (2) 9277-5050 or Fax (2) 9299-2477	8
14	<b>Huka Lodge</b> (New Zealand) Tel. (7) 378-5791 or Fax (7) 378-0427	10
15	<b>Malliouhana</b> (Anguilla, West Indies) Tel. (264) 497-6111 or (800) 835-0796	44
16	<b>Maroma</b> (Mexico) Tel. (998) 872-8200 or Fax (998) 872-8220	29
17	<b>Hotel Splendido</b> (Italy) Tel. (0185) 267801 or Fax (0185) 267806	11
18	<b>Wharekauhau</b> (New Zealand) Tel. (6) 307-7581 or Fax (6) 307-7799	39
19	<b>La Casa Que Canta</b> (Mexico) Tel. (755) 555-7000 or (888) 523-5050	23
20	<b>Ellerman House</b> (South Africa) Tel. (21) 430-3200 or Fax (21) 430-3215	30